

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/653,216

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/06/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-104.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08/31/00 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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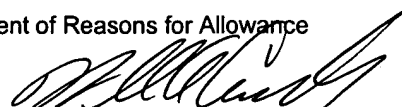
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 07/06/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-104 allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. The provision for managing resources provided by services in a distributed computing environment comprising receiving a service request message from a client in a data representation language referencing a resource provided by a service and specifying a first requested lease period, granting access to the resource for the first lease period, and sending a response message in a data representation language advising the client of the first lease period is not fairly taught or suggested by the prior art. Support for this functionality can be found in the Specification, p. 88, line 22 through p. 96, line 13 and Fig. 44. The limitation of communicating such a lease request message in a data representation language is found to distinguish over the prior art. A data representation language, such as XML, as defined in the Specification (see p. 24, line 21 through p. 25, line 3), is found to distinguish over prior art methods of communicating, specifically methods such as Java RMI as disclosed by Waldo et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,237,009). Furthermore, the provision for a service request message sent by a client that specifies a first requested lease period is found to distinguish over the prior art.
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks p. 35-40, filed 07/06/04, with respect to claims 1-104 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-104 has been withdrawn.

6. Applicant asserts that Waldo et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,237,009) fails to teach receiving from a client a service request message in a data representation language. The distinction made by Applicant between communicating messages in a data representation language and the use of Java RMI is noted by the Examiner and considered persuasive.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Burns et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,775,703) disclosed a method and system for a lease-based timeout scheme ensuring data consistency during a partition in a distributed system.

Bahlmann (U.S. Pat. No. 6,578,074) disclosed a method of operating a provisioning server allowing for network lease customization for clients.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph R Maniwang whose telephone number is (703) 305-3179. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William A Cuchlinski can be reached on (703)308-3873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended as follows:
3. Page 17, line 1: The phrase, "Figure 10" has been changed to --- "Figure 10a"

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